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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE YEAR

1954.

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VITAL STATISTICS.

Area (In acres) 4,771

Number of inhabited houses (end of 1954 according to rate books 3,435
(This number includes 81 houses combined with shops)

Rateable Value 1st April, 1954 ..... £71,892

Sum represented by a penny rate £285

POPULATION:

1954 Registrar General's estimate 10,420

TABLE showing the Registrar General's estimate of the changes in population during the past ten years:-

1945	9,792	1950	10,420
1946	9,897	1951	10,310
1947	10,470	1952	10,240
1948	10,340	1953	10,340
1949	10,500	1954	10,420

BIRTHS:

			1953	1954
Live Births:	Legitimate	Male	74	65
		Female	69	63
		Total	143	128
	Illegitimate	Male	3	1
		Female	2	3
		Total	5	4
	Total Live Births:	Male	77	66
		Female	71	66
		Total	148	132
Stillbirths:	Legitimate	Male	NIL	3
		Female	2	2
		Total	2	5
	Illegitimate	Male	NIL	NIL
		Female	NIL	NIL
		Total	NIL	NIL
	Total Stillbirths:	Male	NIL	3
		Female	2	2
		Total	2	5

Birthrate per 1,000 estimate population:

Market Harborough	14.3	12.6
England and Wales	15.5	15.2

TABLE showing the changes in the total live births and in the birth rates during the past years:-

Year	Total Live Births	Birth Rates (per 1,000 population)		
		Market Harborough	Leicestershire	England and Wales
1945	194	18.9	18.8	16.1
1946	190	19.2	20.6	19.1
1947	182	17.3	21.2	20.5
1948	177	17.1	18.84	17.9
1949	190	18.1	17.35	16.7
1950	174	16.7	16.17	15.8
1951	157	15.3	16.02	15.5
1952	152	15.3	15.67	15.3
1953	148	14.3	15.43	15.5
1954	132	12.6	14.51	15.2

DEATHS:

		1953	1954
Total Number of Deaths:	Male	51	66
	Female	79	59
	Total	130	125

Death Rate per 1,000 estimated population

Market Harborough	12.5	11.9
England and Wales	11.4	11.3

TABLE showing changes in the total number of deaths and in the death rates during the past ten years:

Year	Total Deaths	Death Rates (per 1,000 population)		
		Market Harborough	Leicestershire	England and Wales
1945	122	12.5	11.1	11.4
1946	101	10.2	10.7	11.5
1947	110	10.5	11.3	12.0
1948	109	10.4	9.77	10.8
1949	128	12.2	10.68	11.7
1950	109	10.4	10.28	11.6
1951	127	12.3	10.74	12.5
1952	110	10.7	10.06	11.3
1953	130	12.5	10.05	11.4
1954	125	11.9	10.29	11.3

Deaths from puerperal causes:

There were no deaths from puerperal causes during the year 1954.

Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age:

			1953	1954
No. of deaths:	Legitimate	Male	1	1
		Female	NIL	1
		Total	1	2
	Illegitimate	Male	NIL	2
		Female	NIL	NIL
		Total	NIL	2
	Total Infant deaths		1	4

Infant mortality per 1,000 live births:

Market Harborough	6.7	30.3
England and Wales	26.8	25.5

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TABLE showing deaths of infants under one year and infant mortality rates during the past ten years:

Year	Total Infant Deaths	Infant Mortality Rates per 1,000 live births		
		Market Harborough	Leicestershire	England and Wales
1945	10	51.0	36	46
1946	6	47.3	36	43
1947	4	21.9	43	41
1948	5	28.2	32.2	34
1949	6	31.6	27.1	32
1950	2	11.5	27.0	29.8
1951	2	12.7	25.1	29.6
1952	3	19.0	26.5	27.6
1953	1	6.7	28.0	26.8
1954	4	30.3	28.1	25.5

Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks of age:

			1953	1954
No. of Deaths.	Legitimate	Male	1	1
		Female	NIL	1
		Total	1	2
	Illegitimate	Male	NIL	1
		Female	NIL	NIL
		Total	NIL	1
	Total deaths		1	3

Causes of Death:

Registrar General's Classification:	1953			1954		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
1.Tuberculosis, Respiratory.	1	1	2	3	2	5
2.Tuberculosis, other.	–	–	–	–	–	–
3.Syphilitic disease.	1	–	1	2	–	2
4.Diphtheria.	–	–	–	–	–	–
5.Whooping cough.	–	–	–	–	–	–
6.Meningococcal infections.	–	–	–	–	–	–
7.Acute poliomyelitis.	–	–	–	–	–	–
8.Measles.	–	–	–	–	–	–
9.Other infective & parasitic diseases.	–	–	–	–	–	–
10.Malignant neoplasm,stomach.	–	–	–	3	1	4
11.Malignant neoplasm,lung, bronchus.	3	–	3	1	–	1
12.Malignant neoplasm, breast.	–	4	4	–	4	4
13.Malignant neoplasm, uterus.	–	1	1	–	3	3
14.Malignant neoplasms,lymphatic & other.	8	8	16	6	–	6
15.Leukaemia, aleukaemia.	–	2	2	–	1	1
16.Diabetes.	–	–	–	–	–	–
17.Vascular lesions ofthe nervous system	10	16	26	6	11	17
18.Coronary disease, angina.	1	6	7	10	7	17
19.Hypertension with heart disease.	–	2	2	–	–	–
20.Other heart disease.	7	9	16	9	12	21
21.Other circulatory disease.	2	5	7	7	12	19
22.Influenza.	–	–	–	1	–	1
23.Pneumonia.	3	5	8	1	–	1
24.Bronchitis.	5	3	8	3	2	5
25.Other diseases of the respiratory system.	–	2	2	3	2	5
26.Ulcer of stomach or duodenum.	–	–	–	–	–	–
27.Gastritis,enteritis and diarrhoea.	2	1	3	–	–	–
28.Nephritis and nephrosis.	–	2	2	–	–	–
29.Hyperphasia of the prostrate.	1	–	1	–	–	–
30.Pregnancy,childbirth,abortion.	–	–	–	–	–	–
31.Congenital malformations.	1	1	2	–	1	1
32.Other defined & ill-defined diseases.	3	9	12	8	10	18
33.Motor vehicle accidents.	2	–	2	–	–	–
34.All other accidents.	1	1	2	2	1	3
35.Suicide.	–	1	1	1	–	1
36.Homicide and operations of war.	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total deaths, all causes	51	79	130	66	59	125

CONTROL OVER AND PREVENTION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

GENERAL.

Infectious disease presented no problem during the year under review.

IMMUNISATION.

Facilities for immunisation against diphtheria continue to be provided free of charge under the National Health Service Act. 121 children under the age of five years received their primary immunisation whilst a further 125 children of school age received injections to maintain their immunity.

TUBERCULOSIS.

There were five deaths from pulmonary tuberculosis during the year. A further four persons were deleted from the register as having left the district and one as having been cured.

Two new cases of pulmonary and two of non-pulmonary tuberculosis were notified.

Cases remaining on the register at the close of the year were as follows:-

	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
Pulmonary	25	14	39
Non-pulmonary	5	5	10
Totals	30	19	49

NOTIFICATION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

The following cases were notified

Measles	3
Whooping Cough	46
Scarlet Fever	27
Pneumonia	2
Erysipelas	2

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948 and NATIONAL ASSISTANCE (AMENDMENT)ACT, 1951.

As authorised by the Council's Resolution applying the National Assistance (Amendment) Act, 1951, application was made to the Court in respect of an aged lady living under insanitary circumstances and not receiving proper care.

An Order was made and the lady removed to hospital from whence she discharged herself after 24-hours, dying a few days later.

It appears to be impracticable to retain persons in hospital on such Orders.

TABLE showing the monthly distribution of certain infectious diseases:

	Disease	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Totals
1953	Measles	88	137	62	13	-	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	303
	Whooping Cough	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	1	-	1	1	14
	Scarlet Fever	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	2
1954	Measles	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	3
	Whooping Cough	-	16	25	3	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	46
	Scarlet Fever	-	2	9	5	1	-	-	-	-	-	3	7	27

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

For the preparation and presentation of the following data, I am greatly indebted to Mr.B.G.Elliott, M.R.San.I., Senior Sanitary Inspector, whose work during the year under review is herein summarized.

Water:- The public piped water supply of the district has been satisfactory both in quality and quantity throughout the year. The results of samples submitted to the Public Health Laboratory for bacteriological analysis were as follows:-

Raw Water		Treated Water going into Supply	
Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
14	3	4	1

On receipt of the unsatisfactory reports, the source concerned received immediate treatment followed by a series of test samples, which showed it to have been effective. The water is not liable to have plumbo-solvent action.

The works concerned with the additional and centralised water scheme have proceeded throughout the year and are expected to be brought into use in the Autumn of 1955. Three new wells have been bored, electric cables and power lines completed, pumping plant delivered and the building on the central station and treatment plant is two-thirds executed.

The present supply to dwelling-houses in the district is as follows:-

	Houses	Population
Number supplied from wells	15	45
Number supplied from public water mains:-		
(a) Direct to the houses	3,289	9,879
(b) By means of standpipes	165	496

The report of a sample from a private well upon bacteriological analysis was unsatisfactory. Three further samples were taken at different points in the supply and necessary structural improvements were nearing completion at the close of year. In another instance, the piped supply was substituted for well water.

Drainage and Sewerage:- Only small extensions of public sewers for housing estate purposes were made during the year. At the sewage disposal works, apart from tests being made with a view to improving the effluent from the present land treatment, no further work on major improvement schemes has been carried out. It is anticipated that when the water scheme is finished, technical staff will be available to commence on this.

Closet Accommodation:- During the year, ninety-two additional water closets have been built, and the total approximate number connected to the sewerage system is now 4,969. The properties outside the sewered areas consist of five with private drainage systems and fifteen provided with pails or chemical closets.

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Public Cleansing:- There are no ashpits in the district, houses and other premises being provided with dustbins for the storage of domestic refuse. As the result of the service of notices, 313 new dustbins have replaced those worn out and 147 of these were supplied by the Council under the Municipal Dustbin Hiring Scheme at a charge of 5/- each bin per year. A total of 297 dustbins at 286 premises have been supplied under the Scheme since its inception on 1st April, 1951. The removal of refuse is undertaken weekly as far as possible, and a large capacity S.D. freighter motor vehicle (fore and aft tipper type) is used for the purpose. The weekly collection of trade refuse from shops and other business premises is also undertaken upon application and at charges in accordance with the Council's Scale. At present 110 premises (158 dustbins) are included in this arrangement. On July 24th the new controlled tip adjoining the sewage disposal works commenced to function for the disposal of disposal of domestic refuse, and the use of the old Destructor was limited to trade refuse and salvage operations. The approximate total quantity of refuse dealt with during the year was 4,086 tons, and the quantity disposed of as salvage comprised 3 tons 16 cwt. 4 qrs. 6 lbs of metals.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA.

Complaints received and investigated	339
Defects or nuisances dealt with	1,039
Informal Notices served	204
Statutory Notices served	271

Inspections:-

	1st Visits	2nd Visits
Animal keeping	14	22
Dairies	5	19
Dwelling-houses	628	742
Factories, etc	61	17
Food Premises	117	212
Offensive Trades	2	2
Rodent Control	9	19
Shops	43	3
Slaughterhouse & Meat Inspection	1	445
Tents, Vans, Sheds, etc.	13	39
Verminous Premises	102	70
Water Supplies	3	5
Other Premises	245	175
	1,243	1,770

Shops:- No contraventions of Section 38 of the Shops Act, 1950, necessitated attention during the year.

Miscellaneous Nuisances:-

Drains and other fittings tested or repaired	7
Offensive accumulations removed	75
Animal keeping nuisances abated	6
Other nuisances remedied	15

Pet Animals Act, 1951:-

Licences renewed	2
Visits to premises	6
Contravention rectified	1
" (R.S.P.C.A. consulted)	1

Smoke Abatement :-

Complaints of smoke nuisances investigated	18
Observations of chimney emissions recorded	64
Excessive emissions of smoke recorded	15
Visits to boiler, etc. plants	30
Improvements effected by a change of fuel	4
" " " altering firing methods	5
" " " alterations to equipment	2
Cases where Ministry of Fuel & Power Advisory Service consulted	6

Public Mortuary:- The premises in King's Road, which are owned by the Council, have been used on 15 occasions during the year. Duties in connection with cleansing and maintenance are regularly performed by the Disinfecting Officer.

Disinfection and Disinfestation:-

Infected rooms fumigated	68
Verminous rooms treated	143
Articles of bedding, clothing, etc:-	
Steam disinfected	90
Destroyed	318
Other articles disinfected, etc	12
Number of instances of bug infestation:-	
Council houses	0
Other houses	0
Other infestations of domestic pests treated:-	
Ants	38
Beetles	9
Cockroaches	2
Crickets	7
Fleas	1
Flies	5
Mosquitoes	2
Moth	1
Silver Fish	2
Wasps	21
Wood Boring Insects	13
Miscellaneous	7

Rodent Control:- The Rodent Officer, as other duties permitted, has proceeded with the routine inspection of the District, besides giving regular attention to particular properties. The results have again shown that constant efforts are necessary to keep the rat and mouse population within reasonable bounds.

Premises visited	2,311
Repeat visits	1,122
Infestations dealt with:- Rats 119, Mice 31	150
(1) At Council properties	11
(2) At private dwellings (Free of charge)	120
(3) At business premises (occupiers charged)	18
(4) At agricultural premises (occupiers charged)	1
Premises where continuous "Warfarin" baits used	29
Number of pre-baits laid	1,695
Number of poison baits laid	858
Improvements carried out	6
Premises under regular supervision at request of occupiers	26
Estimated number of rats killed (excluding 96 "Warfarin" treatments)	1,076

Special Classes of Premises and Occupations subject to Control:-

Written Consent to establishment of trade of Rag and Bone Dealer renewed 1

Written Consent to establishment of trade of Fat Extractor, Fat Melter and Glue Maker in operation 1

These premises were inspected on four occasions. There were no matters necessitating attention.

Dealers in Old Metal:-

Certificate of Registration under Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1907, issued 1

Number of premises registered 2

Defects remedied 2

Storage of Petroleum Spirit:-

Number of Licences issued 2

Number of Licences renewed 35

Number of Licences transferred 0

Number of inspections of premises 59

Number of contraventions rectified 5

Three of the above Licences include stores for cellulose solutions. No applications have been received for storage of carbide of calcium.

Swimming Bath:- The indoor swimming pool is owned by the Council and provides exellent bathing facilites. During the Summer months 32,418 bathers attended, an increase of 4,382 over the previous year. The building is well equipped and the filtration and chlorination plant has operated efficiently through the bathing season. The chlorination plant has been thoroughly overhauled by the makers. A sample of water from the pool taken during the busy season was free from contamination.

Camping Sites and Moveable Dwellings:-

Number of camping sites for which licences have been issued 0

Number of licences issued for moveable dwellings under Section 269, Public Health Act, 1936 3

Temporary sanitary conveniences with chemical closets have been provided by the Council at four open air events and five properties where structural alterations have been in progress, with appropriate charges for hire. Inspections were made on nineteen occasions of travelling shows, pleasure fairs and occasional caravans which stayed for short periods. Usually conditions were found to be satisfactory, and one contravention received attention.

Rag Flock and Other Filling Materials Act, 1951:-

Number of premises registered for upholstering, etc. 1

Number of premises licensed for

(a) Manufacture 0

(b) Storage of rag flock 0

HOUSING.

During the year, seventy-five houses have been erected as follows:-

	Council	Private Enterprise
Pre-fabricated - temporary	0	0
Pre-fabricated - permanent	0	0
Permanent construction	68	7

The total number of houses completed during the nine Post-War years (1946-1954) is 524, and this figure includes 27 pre-fabricated temporary houses, 382 permanent Council houses and 115 houses erected by prive enterprise. In addition, 15 houses and 8 other properties were converted into 45 dwellings, 8 houses were converted into 4 dwellings, and 19 houses were converted to other uses.

At the close of 1954, fifty-three permanent houses were in course of construction, viz. thirty-eight by the Council and fifteen by private enterprise.

Work on the Southern Estate, which commenced in 1951, has gone ahead and there are now 246 completed houses.

During the year, 138 new applications for the tenancy of Council houses were received and the total number of applicants on the list at the close of the year was 347.

Also during the year, eight houses were inspected under the Consolidated Regulations 1925 and 1932. Reports regarding seven houses were submitted to the Council, and resulted in the service of Closing Orders in respect of five houses in Bowden Lane and one house in King's Road. The remaining house in Church Street is under consideration. Demolition Orders were served in respect of ten houses in Bowling Green Place, which were the subject of a report in the previous year. Three houses have been closed or converted for other purposes as a result of informal action.

Repairs to dwelling-houses have been carried out as follows:-

Dampness remedied	10
Plaster repaired	30
Rooms rececorated	71
Doors and windows repaired	53
Floors repaired	24
Food stores provided or ventilated	11
Water supply provided internally	5
Sinks provided or renewed	16
Roofs and rainwater fittings repaired	20
Walls and chimney stacks repaired	15
Yard and passage paving repaired	5
Water closets repaired	35
Drains repaired	33
Other defects remedied	34

1. Inspection of Dwelling Houses during the year:-

(1)(a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	218
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	596
(2)(a) Number of dwelling houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925 and 1932	8
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	34
(3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	7

2. Remedy of defects during the year without Service of Formal Notices:-

Number of unfit or defective houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the local authority under the Public Health or Housing Acts	57

3. Action under Statutory Powers:-

(1) Public Health Acts. Number of houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices	0
(2) Housing Act, 1936. Number of houses made fit after service of formal notices (Sections 9,10,11 & 16)	0

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4. Demolition and Closing Orders:-

(1) Housing Act, 1936.

(a) Number of houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made (Section 11)	10
(b) Number of houses demolished	0
(c) Number of houses closed in pursuance of an undertaking given by the owners, and still in force	0
(d) Number of parts of buildings in respect of which Closing Orders were made (Section 12)	1
(e) Number of parts of buildings closed	0

(2) Housing Act, 1949.

(a) Number of houses in respect of which Closing Orders were made (Section 3(1)	0
(b) Number of houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were determined and Closing Orders Substituted (Section 3(2)	0

(3) Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1953.

(a) Number of houses in respect of which Closing Orders were made (Section 10(1)	20
(b) Number of houses previously closed	15
(c) Number of houses closed during the year	1

5. Clearance Areas 0

6. Housing Act, 1936, Part IV, Overcrowding.

(1) (a) Number of dwellings overcrowded at end of year	11
(b) Number of families dwelling therein	17
(c) Number of persons dwelling therein	84
(2) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year	5
(3) (a) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year	8
(b) Number of persons concerned in such cases.	49
(4) Particulars of any cases in which dwelling-houses have again become overcrowded after the local authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding.	0

Grant earning schemes under Section 20, Housing Act, 1949.

	Number in 1954	Total up to 31st Dec. 1954.
Schemes approved by Council	35	41
Average cost of grant earning works per dwelling provided or improved		359
Average grant per dwelling		161
Schemes completed and grant paid	19	22
House purchased by Council and improved with grant-aid	1	1

Included in the forty-two approved schemes are 8 dwellings for letting and 34 for owner occupation, also 3 are conversions. Improvements effected in schemes completed during 1954 include the following:-

Bathrooms provided on ground floor	7
" " " first "	10
Hot water installations provided by:-	
Independent boiler	10
Back boiler or combination stove	4
Electric immersion heater	5
Inside water closets provided	15
Baths and wash basins provided	18
Electric lighting points provided	47
Additional bedroom provided	1

(Other items incidental to the general work of improvement are included above under "Repairs to dwelling-houses").

The grants are made by the local authority, but the Council is reimbursed to the extent of 75% by Exchequer constributions. Enquiries from prospective applicants continue to be received, and the postion at the end of 1954 is:-

Schemes completed	23
" approved and work in progress	13
" " " " not commenced	6
" in preparation	10
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INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

Milk Supply:-

Trade	No. on Register.
Distributors of Milk	3
Dairies (not being Dairy Farms)	3

The following Licences have been issued:-

(1) Milk (Special Designations)(Pasteurised and Sterilised Milk) Regulations, 1949:

(a) Dealers Licences:	Pasteurised	1
	Sterilised	1
(b) Supplementary Licences		0

(2) Milk (Special Designations)(Raw Milk) Regulations,1949:

(a) Dealers Licences:	Tuberculin Tested	3
(b) Supplementary Licences		0

Bacteriological Milk Sampling:-

Grade	Number of samples for bacteriological examination	Number Satisfactory	Number Unsatisfactory
"Tuberculin Tested"	8	8	0
"Accredited"	0	0	0
"Pasteurised"	6	5	1
"Sterilised"	0	0	0
Undesignated	4	4	0
	18	17	1

The cleanliness of the milk sold in the district, as revealed by the above reports, has again reached a high standard, the proportion of satisfactory samples being 94% as compared with 92% in 1953. Premises, equipment and vehicles were inspected on twenty-four occasions during the year. The licensing and supervision of two pasteurising plants are administered by the Leicestershire County Health Department, who also regularly sample the milk from these establishments. Copies of the reports received have shown that at one plant the high standard of the previous year had been maintained, 98% satisfactory samples being recorded, and at the other plant the proportion of satisfactory samples had improved from 85% in 1953 to 98% in the year under review, although in the latter case the results of tests on the bottles did not indicate the same degree of improvement.

Biological Milk Sampling:-

The following samples were collected:-

Number of samples taken	Number Satisfactory	Number showing evidence of Tubercle Bacilli	Number showing evidence of Brucella Abortus.
8	8	0	0

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The samples were collected on four occasions from the two farms where milk is produced for sale in its raw state. Each sample was representative of the bulk supply of each herd of dairy cows, viz. an average number of 10 cows and 27 cows respectively, and the reports of all samples were negative.

Ice Cream:-

Trade	Number of Premises Registered.
Manufacture and retail	0
Manufacture only	0
Retail only	31
Certificates of Registration issued	0

Thirty-one inspections of premises and vehicles used for the sale of ice cream were made during the year, and conditions were found to be generally satisfactory and in many instances reached a high standard. A very considerable portion of the ice cream is now sold ready packed.

Meat and other Foods:-

The wartime use of the Council's premises in Springfield Street as a Regional Slaughterhouse and Meat Distributing Centre by the Ministry of Food terminated on 1st July, 1954. During the 14½ years of control 120,041 animals have been slaughtered in these premises, and the meat has been supplied chiefly to the town and adjoining rural area.

Arrangements for continuing the use of the Slaughterhouse to meet local needs were considered by the Council early in the year, and meetings took place of members of the Council with representatives of the Local Butchers Group and the National Farmers Union. As neither of these organisations was able to take over the management and operation of the premises, the Council made arrangements for a long established firm of wholesale meat salesmen to become their tenants with obligations to provide the facilities of and to run the premises as a Public Slaughterhouse as if the day-to-day operation was by the Local Authority. This arrangement commenced on 2nd July, 1954 and has subsequently proved very satisfactory.

These premises are in excellent structural condition, and the provision of a new modern gas-heated hot water installation, commenced in the previous year, was completed and came into use in March and has provided hot water on tap for all purposes at reasonable running cost.

During 1954, the number of animals slaughtered totalled 9,905, and all carcases and organs were inspected before sale. The quantity of meat condemned as unfit for human consumption was 13 tons. 9 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lbs. entailing the issue of 244 Certificates.

One Licence to Slaughter was issued and eight Licences were renewed.

One application for a Licence in respect of an old pre-war private slaughterhouse was refused because of the unfitness of the premises. There are no private slaughterhouses in use in the district.

Carcases inspected and condemned.

	Cattle excluding cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number killed and inspected	1,252	171	162	5,993	2,327
All diseases except Tuberculosis:-					
Whole carcases condemned	4	4	3	62	5
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	334	68	7	209	51
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis	27·0	42·1	6·2	4·5	2·4
Tuberculosis only:-					
Whole carcases condemned	3	9	-	-	2
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	95	32	-	-	43
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	7·8	24·0	-	-	1·9

Premises where food is sold, stored or prepared for sale have been visited on 329 occasions, and as a result, defects have been remedied and improvements effected, as follows:-

Rooms repaired or cleansed	14
Cleanliness of equipment improved	6
Paving repaired	4
Ventilation improved	1
Sanitary conveniences repaired or cleansed	2
Water heaters provided	3
Food protected from contamination	9
Drainage defects rectified	4
Refuse removed	7
Other defects remedied	13

Foods of all kinds have been inspected, and requests to examine damaged or doubtful foodstuffs have been promptly attended to. The amount of foodstuffs found to be unfit for human consumption was 1,914 lbs 14¼ ozs and 178 condemn Certificates were issued.

Eleven premises are registered under Section 14 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1938, for the manufacture of preserved food.

No notification of food poisoning has been received, and there have been no outbreaks during the year.

FACTORIES ACT, 1937 and 1948.

1. INSPECTIONS:-

Premises	Number on Register	Number of Inspections	Number of Written Notices	Number of Occupiers Prosecuted
(1) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	73	40	6	-
(2) Factories not included in (1) in which Sect. 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	48	22	4	-
(3) Other premises in which Sect. 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers premises).	7	16	3	-
Total	128	78	13	-

2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND:-

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found: Found	Remedied	Referred: To H.M. Inspector	Referred: by H.M. Inspector	Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
Want of cleanliness	1	1	-	-	-
Overcrowding	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary conveniences:					
(a) Insufficient	3	3	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	7	7	-	1	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences	2	2	-	1	-
Total	13	13	-	2	-

3. OUTWORK:

Nature of Work	No. of outworkers on List
Wearing apparel, making etc.	28